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Dear Sirs,
The weather and traffic service that XM radio provides is a great asset to the community. I rely on it all the time for traffic and road reports. The terrestrial stations are not capable of giving such detailed and current reports due to the amount of paid commercials and other programming services that are not in the public's interest. I have been an XM subscriber now for almost two years and it is the single most important advance in radio programming in decades. The state of terrestrial radio has deteriorated to the point that it is no longer a viable source of information. In fact, I have written a letter to XM requesting that individual channels be created for 24 hour local city news for all the channels that XM currently services for traffic and weather. It would be great help to get local news without, irritating commercials, baseball games, talk shows and national news that doesn't pertain to the city that channel is serving. I urge all the FCC commissioners to turn down and reject NAB's petition #04-160. I realize that the local stations may be upset with XM's Radio's Traffic and Weather. But the local stations have to realize that the program managers of the complaining stations are offering an inferior product to the public. For example. Before I subscribed to XM radio I used to turn to KFWB AM (Los Angeles, Ca) for traffic. Now if I do that during evening drive time.....I get a Los Angeles Dodgers game instead. When people are in LA traffic and stopped on the freeway....I think the majority would rather find a detour than listen to LA Dodger Game. OK enough about that.

In one sentence....No on NAB Petition #04-160

Thank you,

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A very very happy XM listner.

P.S. I haven't listened to FM radio in all the time that I have had XM Radio and I haven't listened to AM since KFWB started broadcasting the Dodger Games.

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